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HEALTH PLAN BENEFITS GROUP

DATE: May 14, 2002

TO: Medicare+Choice Organizations and 1876 Cost Contractors

FROM: Gary Bailey, Director

SUBJECT: Contract Year 2003 Industry-wide Call

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce that we are conducting an Industry-wide call to review the Contract Year 2003 Renewal/Nonrenewal Instructions that were sent to you May 3, 2002. During this call, CMS staff will be available to answer any questions that you may have regarding these instructions.

This call will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2002 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. eastern standard time. In order to participate in the call, please dial 1-888-455-0046. When prompted please provide the passcode, which is "industry", and name of the leader of the call, Cindy Moreno.

If you have any questions please contact Kim August at 410-786-1583. We look forward to your participation. Thank you.